

## **Democratic Action Plan on Enforcement**

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House Democrats are implementing a strong action plan to strengthen enforcement of U.S. trade laws and trade agreements to make trade a two-way street that works for American workers, farmers and businesses:

- **Take ACTION to address Chinese currency manipulation.** On May 17, 22 Democrats joined with 20 Republicans to file petition calling on USTR to take China to the WTO over its persistent currency manipulation. Together with the unprecedented Tri-Committee hearing on May 9, these steps are building momentum for legislative action, including consideration of all possible options including legislation introduced by Tim Ryan.
- **Strengthen US unfair trade laws—Address China subsidies.** Passage expected this summer of legislation to apply US CVD law to China (legislation introduced by Artur Davis), take other actions on China trade. This will allow American workers, farmers and companies to challenge subsidies in China and guarantee them a legal remedy under US law for the first time in more than 20 years.
- **Strengthen US laws to enforce trade agreements — open foreign markets to American goods and services.** Legislation to:
  - **Renew Super 301** (requires President to prioritize trade barriers to challenge, explain action he is taking or has decided not to take to Congress);
  - **Establish new law – Special 301** to address discriminatory, sanitary and phyto-sanitary (SPS) barriers to US farm exports;
  - **Establish independent (non-executive branch, responsible only to Congress) office of Congressional Trade Enforcer** to prepare indictments of foreign barriers to trade and unfair trade practices and prepare cases to be filed by USTR;
  - **Establish new office of Chief Trade Prosecutor** at USTR to file the cases prepared by the Congressional Trade Enforcer;
  - **Address problems with WTO dispute settlement system**, including renewing proposal for oversight board to ensure that panels and WTO Appellate Body do not continue to invent and impose on US new obligations never agreed to by trade negotiators.
- **Reinvigorate Congress' authority to direct investigations of US workers, farmers or businesses harmed by imports, including special safeguard mechanism for imports from China ("section 421").**
- **Annual letter to President outlining more than a dozen new enforcement actions under trade agreements and under US law to end foreign unfair trade practices and open foreign markets to US goods and services, break down barriers, enforce IPR standards.**
- **Fight Any Effort at the WTO Doha Round to weaken U.S. trade laws.**